

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--with the proviso that when n is 3, then a, b and c each comprise a rational number as follows: $0 \leq a < 1.5$; $0 < a < 1.5$; $0 < b < 3$; and $0 \leq pc < 3$, so that the charge of the M^{3+} metal ion is balanced;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 28 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--and when n is 4, then a, b and c each comprise a rational number as follows: $0 \leq a < 2$; $0 < a < 2$; $0 < b < 4$; and $0 \leq pc < 4$, so that the charge of the M^{4+} metal ion is balanced. --